

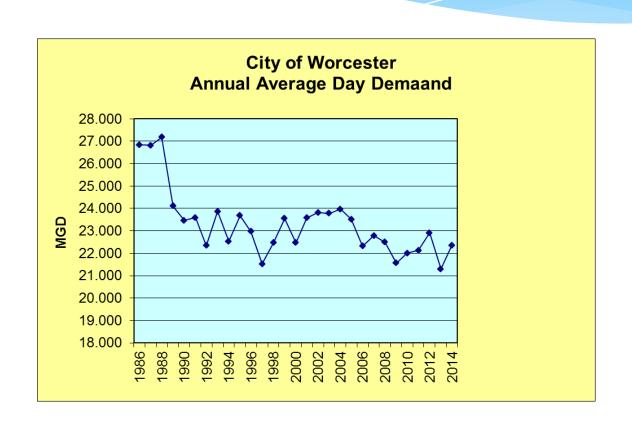
# CITY OF WORCESTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS WATER OPERATIONS

## Background on the Worcester Water System

#### \* Worcester-

- Became a City in 1848
- Industrial/Manufacturing Center
- \* Population peaked in 1950s then declined until 1980s but has been on upward trend since
- \* Population 2010 = 181,045
- \* Water system development followed needs of a growing City
- \* Consumption peaked in 1988 followed by decline and stable use despite growing population and additional regional customers

#### Water Consumption Trends



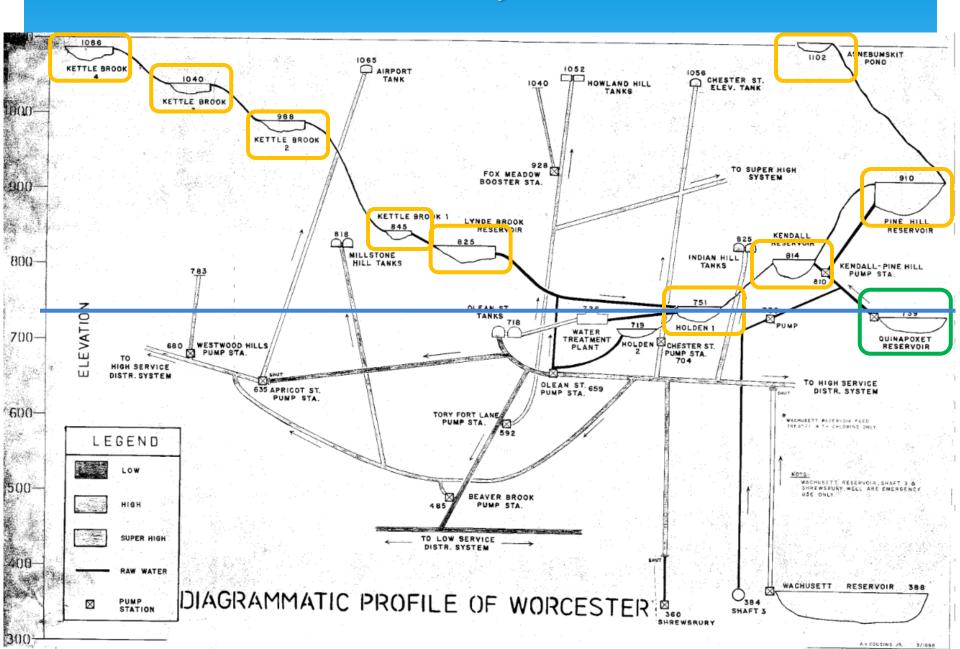
### Supply

- \* 10 Surface Water Reservoirs Combined at a Single Entry Point
- \* 7.4 Billion Gallons Total Storage
- \* 40 Square Mile Watershed
- \* Constructed 1860's-1950's
- Used Exclusively for Water Supply

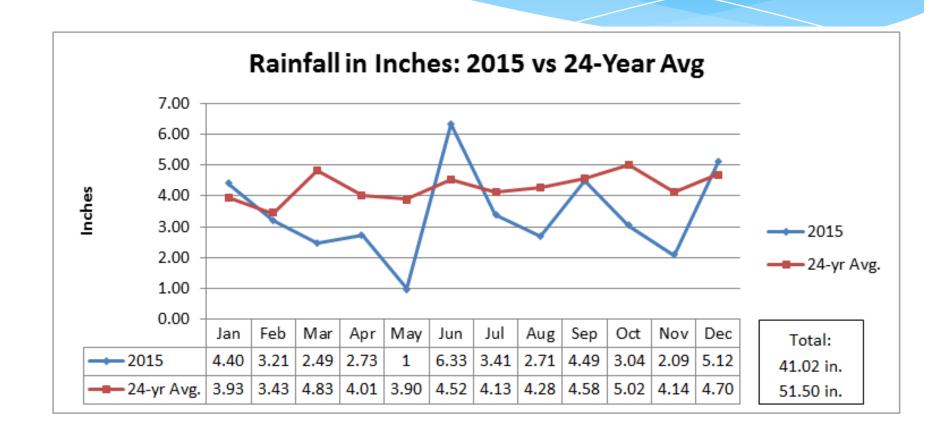
## WORCESTER SURFACE WATER SUPPLIES



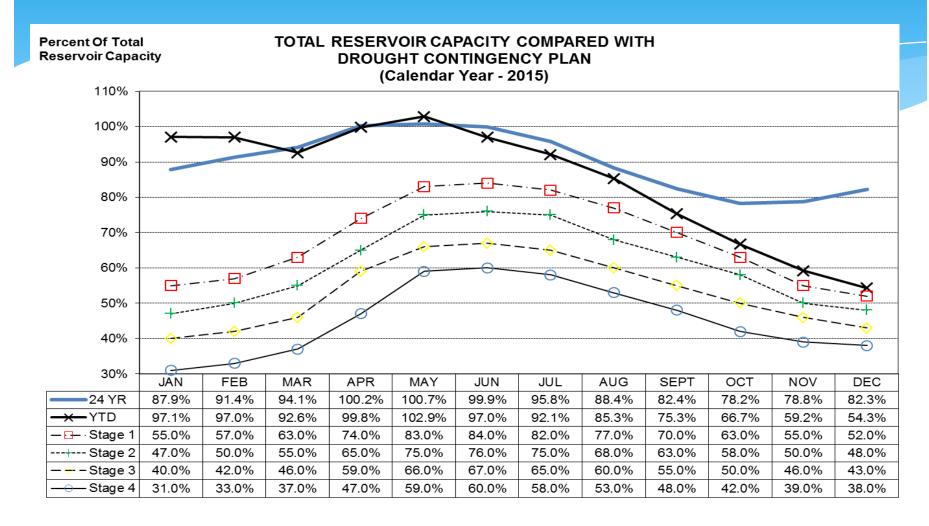
#### Reservoirs Work With Gravity to the Treatment Plant



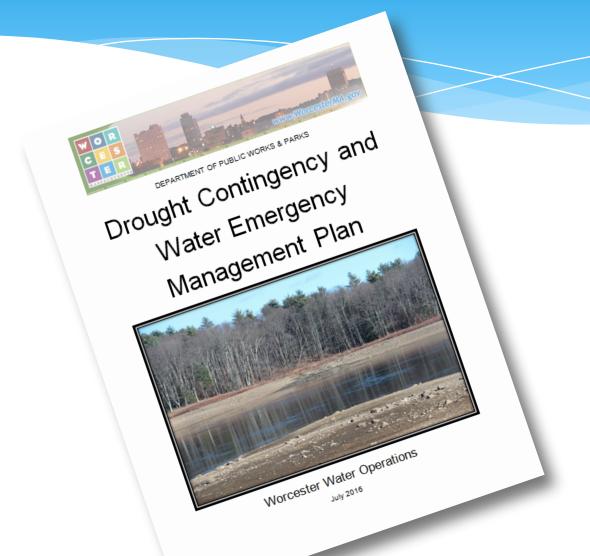
#### Rainfall Trends



#### Storage Trends



#### The Plan



#### Basic Timeline Drought Alert

- \* Stage 1: January 11, 2016
  - \* Reservoirs at 55% compared to 88%





\* Voluntary restrictions. Lifted in April.

### Drought Alert

- \* Stage 1 again: June 20, 2016
  - \* Reservoirs at 85% compared to 100%





### Drought Warning

- \* Stage 2: July 18, 2016
  - \* Reservoirs at 72% compared to 92%
  - \* Mandatory Restrictions



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
EVEN	$\odot$	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD

### Drought Emergency

- \* Stage 3: September 8, 2016
  - \* Reservoirs at 55% compared to 82%
  - \* Mandatory ban on all outdoor water use



#### Update

- \* Pumping from Shaft 3 started Sept. 13, 2016
- \* Consumption is dropping to near winter rates

Consumption (million gallons per day)					
Average consumption for August 2016	25.566				
Average consumption to September 2016	23.404				
Average consumption week of September 3 <sup>rd</sup> – week 1	25.282				
Average consumption week of September 10 <sup>th</sup> – week 2	24.326				
Average consumption week of September 17 <sup>th</sup> - week 3	23.664				
Average consumption week of September 24 <sup>th</sup> - week 4	22.891				
Average consumption week of October 1st - week 5	21.946				